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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. SHAUN BYRNES IS CALLING CAREER COUNSELOR TODAY TO TELL HIM HE PREFERS SOV JOB TO CHINESE LANGUAGE TRAINING (STATE 26044, PARA 2). FYI - SHAUN IS INTERESTED IN REVIVING HIS CHINESE AT SOME POINT (HE HAD A ONE-YEAR COURSE WHILE IN MILITARY SERVICE), BUT DEFINITELY PREFERS SOV AT THIS TIME TO SOLIDIFY HIS RUSSIAN SPECIALTY. HE IS, AS YOU KNOW, ONE OF OUR STRONGEST YOUNG OFFICERS IN EVERY RESPECT, SUBSTANTIVE AND OPERATIONAL, AND SOV WILL BE FORTUNATE TO GET HIM.

2. YOU MAY WANT TO OBTAIN A COPY OF MOSCOW 1504 CONTAINING OUR COMMENT ON THE CAREER CANDIDATE PROGRAM, IN CASE IT DOES NOT REACH YOU AUTOMATICALLY.

3. WE HAVE NOT HEARD FROM YOU ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF TED MCNAMARA STAYING ON IN GENEVA FOR A WHILE FOR THE CTB TALKS. HAS THE DELEGATION MADE A DECISION YET? WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW SO WE CAN DO SOME PLANNING HERE.

4. RE THE POSSIBLE VISIT OF CONGRESSMAN EILBERG: IUSAC'S
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FILIPPOV TOLD ME JANUARY 27 THAT THE INSTITUTE HAD RECEIVED CLEARANCE TO ARRANGE FOR THE VISIT OF EILBERG AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED. I PRESUME THAT AN OFFICIAL INVITATION MAY BE COMING SOON TO EILBERG, BUT YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM EILBERG THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VISIT HAS BEEN APPROVED.

5. THE AGREEMENT THAT WE THOUGHT WE HAD ACHIEVED ON EXCHANGE

OF PLANETARY RESEARCH PLANS DURING THE HINNERS-KIRILLIN-PETROV MEETING HERE LAST NOVEMBER SHOWS SIGNS OF BECOMING UNSTUCK. INTERKOSMOS DEPUTY DIRECTOR VERESHCHETIN, IN TWO RECENT MEETINGS, ATTEMPTED TO DOWN GRADE THE HINNERS-KIRILLIN-PETROV DISCUSSIONS AS A "COURTESY CALL" AND STATED THAT THE SOVIET READING OF THE DISCUSSION DOES NOT INDICATE ANY AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON INTERPLANETARY EXCHANGES. (SEE MOSCOW 525 AND MOSCOW 1540) NASA IS SOMEWHAT TO BLAME FOR THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS SINCE THEY HAVE NOT YET FOLLOWED UP THE HINNERS-KIRILLIN-PETROV DISCUSSION WITH A LETTER SPECIFYING WHEN THE GROUP OF PLANETARY EXPERTS WAS TO MEET AND WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD BE EXCHANGED, AS HINNERS PROMISED TO DO. OUR FEELING HERE IS IF THE SOVIETS STALL ON INTERPLANETARY EXCHANGES THEN WE IN TURN, SHOULD MOVE SLOWLY ON SHUTTLE-SALYUT. OUR SUGGESTION NOW WOULD BE THAT NASA WRITE PETROV OUTLINING PLANS FOR THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT EXPERTS MEETING (WHICH HAD TENTATIVELY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH-MID-APRIL) AND IN THIS SAME LETTER NOTE THAT WE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON INTERPLANETARY EXCHANGES AND OFFER A MEETING IN THE UNITED STATES ON THIS SUBJECT WITHIN THE MARCH-APRIL TIME FRAME. THIS, WE BELIEVE, WILL BE AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF SMOKING OUT THE SOVIETS ON THE INTERPLANETARY EXCHANGE QUESTION AND MAKING IT CLEAR TO THEM THAT WE VIEW SHUTTLE-SALYUT IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL COOPERATIVE RELATIONS IN SPACE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING US INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THIS MATTER.

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